

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## **WFR Chief Named President of State Fire Chiefs Organization**

**Wylie, Texas, Jan. 3, 2018** – Wylie Fire Rescue's Chief Brent Parker has been named president of the Texas Fire Chiefs Association. In 2014, Parker was nominated by the organization's members to serve as third vice president. Each year, he has progressed up a leadership level until reaching that of president, an office he assumed on Jan. 1 of this year.

Parker was named fire chief in Wylie when Chief Randy Corbin retired in 2014. Parker had joined WFR in 2001 and was promoted to battalion chief in 2010, then administrative battalion chief in 2012.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in business administration with a minor in human resource management from Columbia Southern University and a Master of Science in fire and emergency management administration from Oklahoma State University. His certifications from the Texas Commission on Fire Protection include Master Firefighter, Fire Officer III and IV, Fire Service Instructor III Master, and Hazmat Technician. He is also a graduate of the Texas Fire Chiefs Academy and has continued his education, taking coursework from the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Md.

Wylie City Manager Mindy Manson said, "Chief Parker's leadership and commitment to his profession are recognized statewide by his peers, and I am proud to see him serve as president of the TFCA."

"The opportunities I have been given over the years to serve with the Texas Fire Chiefs Association have shown me the type of progressive leaders we have in the Texas fire service," Parker said. "I am honored and humbled to have been nominated and elected by the membership to serve on the board for the past three years and as president this year. I owe much of my success to the mentors in my life who have helped guide and mold me. I look forward taking the torch and continuing to move the fire service forward."

Parker lives in Wylie with his wife Leslie and their four children.

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